

# **COMMUNITY RESOURCE HANDBOOK**

**2013-2014**

## **TOWNS COUNTY HEAD START**

This Community Resource Handbook has been compiled to aid the Towns County Head Start families in gaining access to community resources to meet family needs. This handbook is a guide to agencies listing contact persons, telephone numbers, locations, services provided and eligibility. In order to be accurate, a handbook needs to be continuously updated.

Please share your input by providing any additional information and/or updates you feel would be useful to our families.

If at any time you need assistance or have difficulty obtaining information, please contact our Head Start Family Partner or our Head Start Director @ (706) 896-4272, extension 3.

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## **AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAM**

**CONTACT:** Betty Nichols

**PHONE:** 706-896-4131, ext. 1703

**LOCATION:** Towns County Comprehensive School

**SERVICES:** To provide an after school program as a service to parents who work.  
Monday-Friday 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**FEES:** \$35.<sup>00</sup> per week per child/\$45.<sup>00</sup> for 2 children in the same family  
\$5.<sup>00</sup> registration fee per child

## **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

**LOCATIONS:** Hiawassee Group: Chatuge Regional Hospital Cafeteria,  
110 S. Main Street, Hiawassee  
Meetings: Fridays at 7:00 PM and Sundays 7:00 PM: Open Discussion.

Blairsville Group: Mountain Presbyterian Church  
2945 Young Harris Highway, Blairsville  
Meetings: Monday 8:00 PM Big Book Study and Wednesday 8:00 PM  
Open Discussion

Young Harris Group: Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church,  
1114 Main Street S, Young Harris  
Meetings: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 7:00 PM: Open Discussion.

**ELIGIBILITY:** A sincere desire to stop drinking.

**WEB SITE:** [www.aageorgia.org](http://www.aageorgia.org)

## **AL-ANON/ALATEEN**

**PURPOSE:** To help families/friends of alcoholics. Open to anyone who has been affected by another person's drinking.

**LOCATIONS:** Chatuge Regional Hospital, 110 S. Main Street, Hiawassee.  
Meetings: Sundays at 7:00 PM

Mountain Presbyterian Church, 2945 Young Harris Highway, Blairsville  
Meetings: Mondays at 8:00 PM, Wednesdays at 8:00 PM Use eastern downstairs door)

Christ the King Anglican Church, 145 North Main Street, Hiawassee  
Meetings: Mondays at 7:00 PM Use side door on West. Handicap Accessible.

Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church, 1114 Main Street (Highway 76/515).  
Young Harris  
Meetings: Tuesday 12:00 PM

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS/TOWNS COUNTY DISASTER ACTION TEAM**

**CONTACT:** Captain Doug DeLorme 706-379-2067  
Co-Captain Sally Varao 706-896-8630

**EMERGENCY:** 911 (Operators will notify someone on call.)

**PURPOSE:** The Northeast Georgia Chapter American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by a partnership of staff and volunteers. Provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies through services consistent with its congressional charter and principles of the International Red Cross.

**WEB SITE:** [www.negaredcross.org](http://www.negaredcross.org)

## **AVITA COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

**CONTACT:** Stephen Sorrells, Service Director

**PHONE:** 706-745-5911 1-800-525-8751

**EMAIL:** [Stephen.Sorrells@avitapartners.org](mailto:Stephen.Sorrells@avitapartners.org)

**LOCATION:** 76 Hunt Martin Street, Suite A, Blairsville, Georgia 30512

**SERVICES:** Child, Adolescent, Adult Counseling

**FEES:** Based on income, PeachCare, Medicaid, Medicare and Private Insurance

**WEBSITE:** [www.gamtns.org](http://www.gamtns.org) and [www.avitapartners.org](http://www.avitapartners.org)

## **BABIES CAN'T WAIT**

**CONTACT:** Coordinator Dru Thomas

**PHONE:** 800-204-8731 OR 770-531-4053/FAX 770-538-2784

**EMAIL:** [www.pdthomas@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:www.pdthomas@dhr.state.ga.us)

**ADDRESS:** 1856 Thompson Bridge Road, Gainesville, Georgia 30501-1119

**PURPOSE:** The BCW Program is available for children ages birth to three years of age who have a significant developmental delay or children who are risk for delay due to a specific diagnosed medical condition.

## **CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES WITH BABIES CAN'T WAIT**

**CONTACT:** Coordinator Annette Harkins  
**PHONE:** 770-531-5661  
**EMAIL:** [acharkins@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:acharkins@dhr.state.ga.us)  
**PURPOSE:** CMS Program provides medical care to children ages birth to 21 years who have disabling conditions or chronic disease.

## **BASIC ADULT EDUCATION CENTER**

**CONTACT:** Paula Ary, Adult Education Instructor, or Michelle Collins  
**EMAIL:** [pary@northgatech.edu](mailto:pary@northgatech.edu) or [mcollins@northgatech.edu](mailto:mcollins@northgatech.edu)  
**PHONE:** 706-439-6321  
**LOCATION:** 121 Meeks Avenue, Blairsville  
**SERVICES:** Provides services to Towns and Union County residents in GED preparation, Work Ready certification, ASSET test preparation, computer literacy, basic skills instruction, and reading tutoring.

Students should call ahead to reserve a space and must bring a picture ID to register.

North Georgia Technical College GED® Testing Centers recently converted to the Pearson Vue Computer-Based GED testing format as part of a state-wide implementation of this system.

### **First-Time Testers**

If you have never taken the GED® test before, you **MUST** take it on the computer. Test candidates register, schedule, and pay for test with a credit card by going to [www.gedcomputer.com](http://www.gedcomputer.com) or by calling 1-877-EXAM GED (392-6433) (open 7 a.m., - 7 p.m. CST).

You will need an active email address to register

Computer-based testing in Blairsville is once a month (mid-month—dates vary). The dates for the Blairsville tests are posted on Pearson Vue's website.

The paper based GED test will be offered every other month on the Clarkesville Campus until October 2013. For more information about taking the GED® test, please contact 706-754-7781 or your local learning center.

**FEES:** As of July 1, 2012 the total cost for all five sections of the GED test is \$160 or \$32 per section.

### **BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN EMC**

**CONTACT:** Receptionist will direct your call.

**PHONE:** 706-379-3121 and 828-837-1017

**ADDRESS:** 875 Main Street East, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

**SERVICES:** Distributor of electricity, Safety programs for schools, participant in School Career Day, Energy Right New Home, Basic New Home, heat pump financing, electric water heaters, 3-year rate guarantee, specializes in heat pump installation, Internet Service.

**WEB SITE:** [www.brmemc.com](http://www.brmemc.com)

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

#### **Towns County School System**

**CONTACT:** Melissa Williams, Superintendent

**PHONE:** 706-896-2279      School Number: 706-896-4131

**LOCATION:** Community Services Building (lower level), 67 Lakeview Circle, Hiawassee, GA

**ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 437, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**SERVICES:** The Towns County Comprehensive School provides free public education for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade in Hiawassee.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Residents of Towns County

**HOURS:** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM    Superintendent  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM    Schools

**WEBSITE:** [www.towns.k12.ga.us](http://www.towns.k12.ga.us)

### **CHATUGE REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

**CONTACT:** Lewis Kelley, Administrator, Machellev Lovell, Director of Nursing

**PHONE:** 706-896-2222

**ADDRESS:** 110 Main Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**SERVICES:** Provides inpatient and outpatient medical care as well as emergency services.

**WEBSITE:** [www.chatugeregionalhospital.org](http://www.chatugeregionalhospital.org)

### **CHATUGE REGIONAL NURSING HOME**

**CONTACT:** Lewis Kelley, Administrator  
Machelle Lovell, Director of Nursing

**PHONE:** 706-896-2231

**ADDRESS:** 386 Bel Air Drive, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

### **CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL NORTH REGION QUALITY CARE FOR CHILDREN**

**CONTACT:** Gloria Calhoun, Director

**ADDRESS:** 913 N. Tennessee Street, Suite 202, Cartersville, Georgia 30120

**EMAIL:** [gloria.calhoun@qualitycareforchildren.org](mailto:gloria.calhoun@qualitycareforchildren.org)

**PHONE:** 770-3870828 or 800-308-1825 Fax Number: 678-721-6676

**SERVICES:** Telephone referral service for parents looking for child care for Hall, Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White counties.  
Offers training and technical assistance for all programs and individuals offering child care.  
Assists individuals in becoming registered with the state to start day care center.  
Offers resource and referrals to group homes, day care centers, moms day out, after school care, summer camps and respite care, non-traditional work hours, special needs care and low income care.

**WEB SITE:** [www.qualitycareforchildren.org](http://www.qualitycareforchildren.org)

### **CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**

**EMAIL:** [DahlonagaCSE@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:DahlonagaCSE@dhr.state.ga.us)

**PHONE:** 1-877-GA-DHSGO (1-877-423-4746)/Fax 706-867-3503

**LOCATION:** 133 Tifton Drive, Dahlonaga, Georgia 30533

**PURPOSE:** To enhance the well-being of children by assuring that assistance in obtaining support, including financial and medical, is available to children through locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing support obligations, and monitoring, enforcing and reviewing support obligations.

**FEE:** \$25.00 paid in the form of a money order. There is *no fee* for applicants who receive TANF or some forms of medical assistance.

**WEBSITE:** [www.ccss.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.ccss.dhs.georgia.gov)



## **CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA**

**Scottish Rite Children's Medical Care &  
Egleston Children's Healthcare System**

**LOCATIONS:** Children's at Scottish Rite  
1001 Johnson Ferry Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30342-1600  
404-785-5252

Children's at Egleston  
1405 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30322-1062  
404-785-6000

Children's at Hughes Spalding  
35 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
404-785-9500

**PHONE:** 1-404-250-KIDS (1-404-250-5437) or 404-785-GIVE (4483)

**SERVICES:** Provides all levels of care for children with their combined services, including Asthma, Brachial Plexus, Cancer and Blood Disorders, Craniofacial, Cystic Fibrosis, Critical Care, Diabetes, Heart, Facial Nerve, Gastrointestinal, General Surgery, Genetics, Immediate Care, Neurosciences, Orthopaedics, Orthotics & Prosthetics, Radiology, Rehabilitation, Respiratory, Sleep Disorders, Spine Center, Sports Medicine, Transplant, Urology, and Wellness & Safety.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Ages birth through 21 years. Must be recommended by a Scottish Rite Mason, Physician or Public Health Department.

**FEES:** Based on income.

**WEB SITE:** [www.choa.org/](http://www.choa.org/)

## **CITY HALL OFFICES**

### **HIAWASSEE**

**PHONE:** 706-896-2202 / 706-896-2203/Fax 706-896-4991

**LOCATION:** River Street, On the Square, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**CONTACTS:**

Mayor	Barbara Mathis
City Clerk	Wylene White
Police Chief	Jimmy Wright
Sergeant	Arvil Walls
	Daniel Berrong
	Lewis Baxter
	Water Department
	Carl Grizzle
	Kevin Grizzle
	Jeremy Arrowood

Water Plant	Gail Warne Randy Warne Randal Thomas
Sewer Plant	Michael Christopher Mike Harkins

YOUNG HARRIS

PHONE: 706-379-3171/Fax 706-379-3172

LOCATION: 5187 Maple Street, P.O. Box 122, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

CONTACTS:

Mayor	Andrea Gibby (email mayor@cityofyoungharris.com)
City Clerk	Shirley Jarrard
Water Department	Gary Willer (706-835-7963/706-379-3171) Billy Carver (706-835-7963)
Sewer Department	Dorothy Handy (706-379-1451) John Davis (706-379-1451)

WEBSITE: [www.youngharrisga.net](http://www.youngharrisga.net)

**COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM  
NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC./  
TOWNS COUNTY FOOD PANTRY**

CONTACT: Teresa Stephens

PHONE: 706-896-4783 / Fax 706-896-4790

LOCATION: 1294 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris, Georgia

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 42, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

HOURS: By appointment only

**Food Distribution Days are Tuesdays 2:00 PM-6:00 PM**  
**The office is closed when school is closed due to inclement weather,**  
**and food distribution will resume on the next distribution date.**

**Emergency Assistance**

Linkage to necessary service providers; arranging for payment for past-due utility, rent or mortgage payments, etc.; provision of food assistance and other special feeding initiatives; coordination of family intervention activities relative to meeting their basic needs.

## **Case Management Services**

Assessment, counseling services and family enrichment services; development of individualized service plans; counseling families on community resources; assistance with obtaining child support and other resource benefits, i.e.; child care and health services.

## **Employment Services**

Evaluation; job coaching/referral/placement.

## **Budget Counseling & Development**

Counseling/referral to credit counseling services; money management training and budget counseling.

## **Housing Assistance/Weatherization**

Assessment/case planning and development; negotiations with landlords for placement into temporary/permanent housing; rental payments (depending on available funds); assistance in the procurement of 504 loans and grants; improvements to the home for the reduction in energy costs and increase in energy conservation.

## **Nutrition**

Dissemination/referral for nutrition information; coordination of special feeding initiatives; nutrition supplement assistance.

## **Health**

Coordination of health awareness and promotion activities; installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; purchase of prescription medicine; assistance for free/reduced rate prescription medicine.

## **COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICES**

**CONTACT:** Robert Brewer, County Extension Director

**PHONE:** 706-896-2024

**LOCATION:** Senior Center Basement, Lakeview Circle

**ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 369, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**SERVICES:** Coordinates and integrates the resources of the University of Georgia and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Landscaping, Community Development and Homemaking. Also provides educational and special interest programs. Courses available: Estate Planning, Food Preservation, Leadership Training Sessions, Sewing Techniques and Christmas Foods.

## **COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICES**

### **CLERK OF COURT**

**CONTACT:** Cecil Dye  
**ADDRESS:** Courthouse: 48 River Street, Suite E, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546  
**PHONE:** 706-896-2130

### **COMMISSIONER**

**CONTACT:** Bill Kendall  
**ADDRESS:** Courthouse: 48 River Street, Suite B, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546  
**PHONE:** 706-896-2276 Fax 706-896-4628  
**EMAIL:** [townscommissioner@windstream.net](mailto:townscommissioner@windstream.net)

### **SHERIFF**

**CONTACT:** Chris Clinton  
**ADDRESSES:** 4070 State Highway 339, Young Harris, Georgia 30582  
48 River Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546 (Courthouse)  
**PHONE:** 706-896-4444/Fax 706-896-3349  
**PROGRAMS AVAILABLE:** School Resource Officer, D.A.R.E. Program-Donnie Jarrard

### **TAX COMMISSIONER**

**ADDRESS:** Courthouse Annex, 48 River Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546  
**PHONE:** 706-896-3984/Fax 706-896-6980  
**EMAIL:** [cbrtctc@hotmail.com](mailto:cbrtctc@hotmail.com)

### **CHIEF APPRAISER**

**CONTACT:** Faron King  
**ADDRESS:** Courthouse Annex, 48 River Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546  
**PHONE:** 706-896-3984

## **DAY CARE - CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

**CONTACT:** Brenda Brewer

**ADDRESS:** 1112 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

**PHONE:** 706-896-2992 or 706-896-4040

**SERVICES:** To provide daily child care for working parents.  
After school child care also provided.

**HOURS:** 6:30 AM – 5:30 PM Monday – Friday

**FEES:** Sliding scale based on income.

## **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

**CONTACT:** Mark Knowles, Director

**LOCATION:** 1620 Highway 76 West, Suite 4, Hiawassee

**ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 156, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**PHONE:** 706-896-3524 or 706-896-2939

### **I. ADOPTION**

**SERVICES:** Recruiting and studying homes for children in the custody of DFCS.

### **II. ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Provided to adults at-risk due to abuse, exploitation, and neglect.

### **III. AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Child under 18 years of age and not receiving any other type of public assistance.
2. Child who has lost support or care of one or both parents through a parent's physical or mental incapacity.
3. Child living in home of natural parents or relative.
4. Together with family, child does not have enough income to meet living expenses according to standards of the State Department of Human Resources.
5. Family does not have more than \$1000 in cash or other forms of saving or resources.
6. TANF recipients must accept job-training offers.

### **IV. CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Provided by Case Workers to children abused, neglected or exploited.

## **V. FOSTER CARE**

**SERVICES:** Child placement services or Case Worker services for children who cannot be cared for in their own home.

## **VI. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**

**PURPOSE:** Food Stamps provided to purchase food, seed and plants to grow food. Food Stamps cannot be used for nonfood related items.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must be low income household with one or more persons living in the same household such as:

1. Those with no job
2. Those with part-time job
3. Those who do not earn much money
4. Those on T.A.N.F.
5. Those on Social Security or small pension

## **DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES**

**PHONE:** 706-348-4882/ 800-846-9634

**ADDRESS:** 243 South Main Street, Suite B, Cleveland, Georgia 30528-1404

**LOCALLY:** Georgia Department of Labor, Towns County Public Library, Towns County High School (call to schedule time and place)

**SERVICES:** Assist people with disabilities in getting training for a job goal and obtaining employment. Very individualized services.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Rehabilitation services are available to any person with a mental or physical disability which constitutes a substantial handicap to employment. There must also be a reasonable expectation that after receiving rehabilitation services, the person will become gainfully employed.

**HOURS:** As needed.

## **DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP**

**CONTACT:** Mary Sweeten

**PHONE:** 706-896-9004

**LOCATION:** Hiawassee United Methodist Church  
U.S. Highway 76, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**SERVICES:** A series of support groups and seminars for separated and divorced families.

Divorce Care for Kids: Divorce recovery ministry for children ages 5-12

### **EMS (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE)**

**CONTACT:** Ricky Mathis

**PHONE:** 706-896-2228

**ADDRESS:** 1400 Jack Dayton Circle  
Young Harris, Georgia 30582

**SERVICES:** Emergency 911, Three A.L.S., 24 Hour Service, Rescue of lost persons, CPR Classes, First Aid Classes, Scuba Diving, Repelling. All emergencies except law-enforcement and fire. Towns County EMS also provides car seats for infants and toddlers. This service is based on availability. Each person receiving a seat will have a form to fill out, a short session on Georgia law, and instruction on proper installation of the seat.

### **ENOTAH CASA, INC. COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**

**CONTACT:** Susan Zealy, Executive Director

**EMAIL:** Director@enotahcasa.org

**PHONE:** 706-864-0300/ Fax 706-864-0302

**ADDRESSES:** Main Office: 266 B Mechanicsville Road  
Dahlonega, Georgia 30533

Local Office: 76B Hunt Martin Street, Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
Phone and Fax: 706-835-1892

**SERVICES:** Non profit agency provides trained, screened & supervised community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. CASA volunteers are appointed by the Juvenile Court Judge to serve as the Guardian ad Litem in deprivation cases, ensuring that the child's best interest is represented throughout the legal and social service system.

**WEB SITE:** [www.enotahcasa.org](http://www.enotahcasa.org)

### **THE ENOTAH CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER**

**PHONE:** 706-835-1303  
National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)

**ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 243, Blairsville, Georgia 30514

**SERVICES:** Provides a safe place where kids who have been hurt can go to talk to someone about what happened. A non-profit children's advocacy center serving Towns and Union counties. Their purpose is to provide immediate support and assistance to child victims and their families.

- \*Forensic Interviewing
- \*Therapy
- \*Legal Advocacy Services
- \*Expert Testimony
- \*Training for those providing direct services to child victims
- \*Screening and Coordination of Cases
- \*Crisis Intervention
- \*Support Groups
- \*Public Education

## **FAMILY CONNECTION OF TOWNS COUNTY**

**CONTACT:** Amy Gibby Rosser, Director

**PHONE:** 706-896-4131 ext. 1233

**LOCATION:** 1400 U.S. Hwy. 76 East, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**PURPOSE:** To improve the lives of families and children in Towns County

**SERVICES:** **Towns County Mentor Program**  
 Contact: Cynthia Wood, Mentor Coordinator  
 706-896-4131, ext. 1235  
 Eligible: Grades Head Start/Pre-K through 12

Purpose: One on one, adult to child, school based program. Students meet with Mentors at least one hour per week during the school year. Mentors must attend training & have background and finger print checks. Students may be referred by school administration, parent/guardian, or self. All students must have parent permission to take part in the program. Funded through the Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Disease.

**Youth Development Program**  
 Contact: Cynthia Wood, Youth Development Coordinator  
 706-896-4131 ext. 1235

The Youth Development Program is a case management approach that targets middle school students to provide wrap around services for the student and their family in an effort to increase academic success, decrease disciplinary referrals, and promote good attendance.

**The Towns Prevention Program**  
 Contact: Kelly Sykes, Prevention Coordinator  
 706-896-4131 ext. 1234  
 Purpose: Works through the elementary, middle, and high school to provide classes and presentations. This program is partially funded through the Governor's Office for Children and Families..

- ☐ Prevention PALS: Head Start/Pre-K and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade puppet prevention program-bullying, prevention of substance use and stranger danger.



- Life Skills: 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade-students are given the tools to resist peer pressure to smoke, drink alcohol and use drugs; develop greater self-esteem and self-confidence; cope with stress and anxiety; and understand the health effects of smoking and using drugs.
- Good Touch/Bad Touch: 4<sup>th</sup> grade – provides students with an age appropriate and non-threatening way to talk about sexual harassment and bullying. Students are taught protective skills and information so they can participate in their own personal body safety. They learn what abuse is and are empowered to act if they are threatened or victimized. Students learn that abuse is NEVER their fault.
- Project Alert: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Today more than ever, teens need help resisting drugs. Project ALERT is a proven solution — a nationally recognized evidence-based program that gives students insight, understanding, and actual skills for resisting substance use. Project ALERT successfully addresses tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and inhalants, the substances teens are most likely to use.
- Too Good for Violence: 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade-teaches strong character-based skills, attitudes and behaviors. Kids develop skills for conflict resolution, anger management, respect for self and others, and effective communication-keys to social-emotional intelligence. Program lessons and activities help kids realize that as individuals and as a group, they are too good for bullying and violence, as they gain skills for, and confidence in, their ability to interact cooperatively and peacefully. The Too Good for Violence program complements Too Good for Drugs K-8.

**Life Skills Parent Program:** The award-winning Botvin *LifeSkills Training* Parent Program is designed to help parents strengthen communication with their children and prevent them from using drugs. The comprehensive guide and DVD included in this program contain materials and exercises that help parents teach their children the skills that help them resist the threats of tobacco, drugs, and violence. These tools help parents prepare their children for a successful transition from adolescence to early adulthood.

- Funded by the Governor's Office for Children & Families

### **Outdoor Adventure Therapy Program (OATP)**

Contact: Kelly Sykes, Prevention Coordinator

706-896-4131 ext. 1234

Eligible: Students in the elementary, middle, high, and alternative schools.

The purpose of the *Niyelo* model is to facilitate growth and challenge in a group setting. The program focuses on fostering human learning and growth via adventure-based programming in a school and community setting. Group members agree to work toward individual and group goals in a "challenge by choice" type of setting. Group members choose their own level of challenge during activities and during group discussions. Interest in

adventure-based therapy has grown as a result of studies that show the same individual, family, school, and community factors often predict both positive and negative outcomes for youth. Such factors as developing strong bonds with healthy adults maintaining regular involvement in positive activities not only creates a positive developmental pathway, but can prevent the occurrence of problems leading to at-risk behaviors.

**Strengthening Families Program:** The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is a nationally and internationally recognized parenting and family strengthening program for families. SFP is an evidence-based family skills training program found to significantly reduce problem behaviors, delinquency, and alcohol and drug abuse in children and to improve social competencies and school performance. Child maltreatment also decreases as parents strengthen bonds with their children and learn more effective parenting skills.

**Young Harris Development Center**

Contact: Julie Wilson, YHDC Coordinator

Latisha Usher, Wellness and Intervention

(706) 896-4131 x 1235

Eligibility: Any school age student in Towns County

Tuesdays from 3:00 – 7:00 PM at the Stephens Masonic Lodge Community Center in Young Harris, GA

**Free of Charge**

The Center offers the following:

Tutoring: academic tutoring and skill building curriculum activities with trained staff and volunteers

Parenting Classes: Individual and family support through practicing skills such as: setting limits, communication, problem solving, managing stress, fun family centered activities. Child care included.

Wellness Counselor: On site counseling, offered free of charge, to allow participants to set and achieve goals that encourage ownership of personal choices and family well being.

Additionally:

- Snacks for Students and dinner provided weekly for students and their families, free of charge
- Structured games and activities
- Community Engagement through education

**Other Programs, Activities, and Services**

**The Holiday Project-** families in need are served through food baskets, clothing, toys, and gift certificates.

**Family Emergency Fund-** Through donations, children and families are provided clothing, household supplies, personal supplies, and other needed items, by a referral process.

**High School Career Expo**-40+ agencies, organizations, businesses, colleges, universities, and branches of the military participate each year. Students, grades 9-12, are able to collect information, interview agencies, businesses, and prospective colleges, and receive door prizes.

**Health Fair**-Towns County Family Connection partners with the school system, Health Department, and other health-related and direct service agencies to provide this fair. Pregnancy prevention, alcohol prevention, and tobacco prevention are addressed, as well as other health needs. This fair takes place during prom week to highlight prom safety. Grades 8-12 are served.

**Prom Expo**-dresses/accessories are donated then sold at a low cost to provide an additional resource for students. Family Connection partners with local businesses to provide this service.

**The Interagency Council/LIPT**-staffs cases of families and children in the community. All direct service providers are at the table. The purpose of the council is to provide families and children with needed services.

**"School Supply Drive"**- classrooms in grades 0-12 are served.

**FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SERVICE CENTER**

**CONTACT:** Kevin Thomas

**PHONE:** 706-745-2012 ext. 2

**ADDRESS:** 185 Wellborn Street, Box 6, Blairsville, Georgia 30512

**SERVICES:** Loans to rural families for home ownership. Low interest loans for moderate low-income persons for home ownership. Low interest loans for home repair. Grants available for age 62 and over for home repairs related to health. Low interest loans to farmers and business loans for public housing and farm ownership, operative loans and community service loans.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any U.S. Citizen.

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**CONTACT:** Debra Parson, Field Service Office Manager

**PHONE:** 706-632-2033/ Fax 706-632-7316

**LOCATION:** 1048 Appalachian Highway, Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513

**ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 834, Blairsville, Georgia 30512-8506

**HOURS:** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday - Friday

**SERVICES:** General services provided by the Blairsville Career Center include: Unemployment Insurance Benefits, local, state, and national job search workshops on job seeking strategies; resume assistance; resource library housing up-to-date computer based information on job search techniques, employment counseling; labor market information; financial management workshops; referral to education and training; Veterans Services; Federal Bonding Program, Rehabilitation Services. A dedicated and knowledgeable staff ready to assist with job search activities.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Offers a wide range of services to both job seekers and employers.

**FEES:** None

**WEBSITE:** [www.dol.state.ga.us](http://www.dol.state.ga.us)

### **GEORGIA FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**CONTACT:** Roy Fortenberry/Bo Berry

**PHONE:** 706-896-2499/Fax 706-896-7392  
Forester Ritchie Mullen 706-295-6021

**LOCATION:** 443 Sunnyside Road, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**SERVICES:** Daily burning permits and yearly permits available, forester available to help with tree problems, helps homeowners decide if they need to keep certain types of trees, assists landowners in finding programs to help buy trees for forestry or wildlife, provides programs on fire prevention, sets out trees, works with school for Fire Safety. Smokey the Bear appearance at the Georgia Mountain Fair.

### **GEORGIA LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM GEORGIA MOUNTAINS REGIONAL OFFICE**

**PHONE:** 770-535-5717  
800-745-5717

**LOCATION:** 705 Washington Street NW, Suite B1, Gainesville, GA 30501

**ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 1337, Gainesville, Georgia 30503

**WEB SITE:** [www.glsp.org](http://www.glsp.org)

**HOURS:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Friday  
(A good time to call for assistance is between the hours of 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM) Intakes for new clients 9:00 AM-11:00 each day.

**SERVICES:** Free legal services to low-income people in civil matters only.  
The office does not handle criminal cases or fee-producing cases.  
Lawyers are available to help people experiencing problems  
in the areas of:

Divorce	Housing/Evictions
Mental Commitments	Jail Conditions
Repossessions	Hospital/Health Issues
Consumer Issues	Consumer Loans
Foreclosures on Realty	Custody

A lawyer or paralegal available to help with problems in areas of:

Welfare (TANF)	Medicaid
Food Stamps	Social Security
Veterans' Benefits	EPSDT
Vocational Rehabilitation	Medicare
Supplemental Security Income	WIC

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1. **Financial:** Household with gross income below a standard set by Legal Services.
2. **Priorities:** Certain types of cases are handled for financially eligible persons. Priorities are set by Legal Services.

### **GEORGIA PEACHCARE FOR KIDS**

**PHONE:** 877-GA-PEACH (877-427-3224)  
To replace a lost or stolen PeachCare or Medicaid card, or to change the name of provider: 866-211-0950.

**WEB SITE:** [www.peachcare.org](http://www.peachcare.org)

**SERVICES:** PeachCare for Kids provides care from a doctor for sick children and preventive services such as immunizations and regular check-ups. PeachCare for Kids provides specialist care, dental care, vision care (including vision screenings and eyeglasses), hospitalization, emergency room services, prescription medications, and mental health care.

#### Requirements

\*U.S. citizens, certain qualified legal residents, refugees, or asylees who reside in Georgia

\*Uninsured

\*Age 18 and under (Eligible until 19<sup>th</sup> birthday)

\*Family income less than or equal to 235% of the federal poverty level, \$45,912 for a family of three and \$55,368 for a family of four.

Your child may be ineligible if:

\*Your child is eligible for Medicaid. If your child is eligible for Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids will forward your application to

Medicaid and your child will be enrolled.

\*Your child has access to health insurance through a parent's employment with the State of Georgia, even if the parent has not purchased the state coverage.

**FEES:** Children, birth to under age 6 – No Payment.  
One child- \$10.<sup>00</sup>-\$35.<sup>00</sup> per month.  
Two or more children living in the same household-a maximum of \$70.<sup>00</sup> per month.

### **GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**CONTACT:** Consumer Affairs Section

**PHONE:** 800-282-5813

**ADDRESS:** 244 Washington St., SW Atlanta, Georgia 30334

**SERVICES:** The Consumer Affairs Section mediates complaints between customers and regulated utilities. PSC representatives work to ensure that utilities are charging correct rates and comply with Commission rules. The Commission works to resolve quality and availability of service and billing questions, as well as answer general consumer inquiries.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Georgia residents.

**WEB SITE:** [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us)

**EMAIL:** [gapscc@psc.state.ga.us](mailto:gapscc@psc.state.ga.us)

### **GIRL SCOUTS OF HISTORIC GEORGIA**

**PHONE:** Celena Williams 706-778-7986

**ADDRESS:** 185 Newton Bridge Road, Athens Georgia 30606

**MEETINGS:** Girl Scout troops meet in Hiawassee and Young Harris.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Girls Kindergarten to 12th Grade

**WEB SITE:** [www.gshg.org](http://www.gshg.org)

## **HOME HEALTH CARE**

### **Care South Homecare Professionals**

- PHONE:** 706-896-5037/After hours 706-896-5038
- LOCATION:** 584 Bell Creek Road, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546
- PURPOSE:** A specialized service for patients whose complete health care needs can be met without 24-hour hospital care. The aim of the agency is to provide patients with a full range of hospital-type professional and support services in the familiar surroundings of their own homes. The needs of patients, whether physical, emotional, social or spiritual, are provided through coordinated efforts of nursing, medicine and other allied health and welfare disciplines in the patient's home, without regard for race, color, national heritage, age or handicap.
- SERVICES:** Nursing, Home Health Aid, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Speech Therapy. The program and progress of every patient are reviewed at a weekly conference of the health care professionals providing services. Professionals from a variety of disciplines, such as respiratory therapy, entrostomal therapy, neurology, IV therapy and dietary services are available for consultation and patient care as needed.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Residents of Towns County. A Registered Nurse Evaluator determines the eligibility of patients based on assessment of medical, nursing, social and environmental needs and resources within the individual patient family situation.
- FEES:** Certified for Medicare/Medicaid billing and reimbursement. Private insurance and direct payment are also accepted.

### **Comfort Keepers**

- ADDRESS:** 1489 Old Blue Ridge Highway, Blairsville, Georgia 30512
- PHONE:** 706-835-2607
- SERVICES:** Companionship, bathing, toileting, meal preparation, light housekeeping, respite care. Screened, trained, and bonded staff.

### **K. B. Health Technicians, Inc. Home Health Care**

- CONTACT:** Truman Barrett
- ADDRESS:** 6225 U.S. Highway 76, P.O. Box 1339, Young Harris, Georgia
- PHONE:** 706-379-4012/Fax 706-379-9625
- SERVICES:** CNA care, housekeeping, errands.
- FEES:** Medicaid and Medicare are accepted. Fees vary.

**Tugaloo Home Health Agency, an Amedisys company**

ADDRESS: 417 Blue Ridge Street, Suite M, Blairsville, Georgia  
PHONE: 706-781-1093  
SERVICES: Assisting patients in maintaining and improving their quality of life, working with physician, our team of nurses, aides, therapists and social workers to address individual needs and provide the most patient-focused home care.

**HOSPICES**

**Georgia Hospice and Palliative Care Organization**

ADDRESS: 5 Concourse Parkway, Suite 3000, Atlanta, Georgia 30328  
PHONE: 877-924-6073/Fax 706-657-5515  
WEBSITE: [www.ghpco.org](http://www.ghpco.org)

**Georgia Mountains Hospices, Inc.**

ADDRESS: 70 Caring Way, Jasper, Georgia 30143  
PHONE: 706-253-4100/800-692-7199  
WEBSITE: [www.gmhospice.org](http://www.gmhospice.org)

**Premier Hospice of Georgia**

ADDRESS: 500 Spring Street, Gainesville, Georgia 30501-3773  
PHONE: 770-533-4422

**Regency Hospice of Northeast Georgia**

ADDRESS: 236 South Main Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546  
PHONE: 706-896-1251  
WEBSITE: [www.regencyhospice.com](http://www.regencyhospice.com)

**United Hospice of Blue Ridge**

ADDRESS: 5004 Appalachian Highway, Suite 3A, Blue Ridge, Georgia 30513-4231  
PHONE: 706-632-0027  
WEBSITE: [www.united-hospice.com](http://www.united-hospice.com)



## **HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **HILL BURTON ACT**

**CONTACT:** Hospital Business or Admitting Office  
Hill-Burton Hotline 1-800-638-0742

### **THIS IS NOT A SERVICE AVAILABLE AT CHATUGE REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

**SERVICES:** Medical care at partial or no cost. The hospital cannot refuse service because you cannot pay.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Persons with little or no income. If a problem with obtaining service from participating hospitals occur, contact Georgia Legal Services (770-535-5717), 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-105 Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Hospitals participating in providing free or low cost care in North Georgia are:

MCG Health, Inc., 1120 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Building 2086,  
Augusta, Georgia 30912 706-721-3929

Memorial Medical Center, 4700 Waters Avenue, Box 23089  
Savannah, Georgia 31403 912-350-8000

### **INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TAX ASSISTANCE**

**PHONE:** 770-536-2235 or 800-829-1040

**LOCATION:** 329 Oak Street  
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

**HOURS:** Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Closed for lunch 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

**SERVICES:** Assists taxpayers in filling out IRS returns, auditing of tax returns and collecting delinquent taxes.

**WEB SITE:** [www.irs.gov/](http://www.irs.gov/) or Georgia Department of Revenue: [www.etax.dor.ga.gov](http://www.etax.dor.ga.gov)

## LOCAL MEDICAL SERVICES

### **Chatuge Primary Care**

CONTACT: Brian Johnson M.D.  
Holly Berndt, M.D.  
Kilee Smith, M.D.

PHONE: 706-896-4673 / Fax 706-896-6034

LOCATION: 103 Church Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546  
(Behind Bank of Hiawassee)

HOURS: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (12:30 – 1:30 lunch) Monday - Friday

### **Edwards Medical Practice**

CONTACT: Tracy Edwards, M.D.

PHONE: 706-896-6701

LOCATION: 129 S. Main Street, Suite A, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

### **Health In Harmony Walk-in Clinic/Elizabeth Solomon, M.D.**

CONTACT: Kim Harper, Robin Stewart

PHONE: 706-896-9442

LOCATION: 1220 Chatuge Circle, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546  
1.3 miles north of McDonalds on left.

HOURS: 9 AM – 4 PM or 5 PM (varies) Monday-Friday.

### **Hiawassee Family Practice**

CONTACT: Robert Stahlkuppe M.D.  
Nurse Practitioners Shirley Youngblood

PHONE: 706-896-2289

LOCATION: 56 Hospital Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546  
(Behind Chatuge Regional Hospital.)

HOURS: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Friday

**Synergy Health, Inc.**

CONTACT: Samuel "Le" Church, M.D., MPH  
PHONE: 706-896-0505  
LOCATION: 120 River Street, Hiawassee, Georgia  
HOURS: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM Monday-Friday  
SERVICES: Primary Care, Women's Health, Pediatrics, Adult Care, Health Care Billing Services, Wellness Services, Community Health, Practice Management Consulting. Most insurance policies welcome.

**Women's Health of Blairsville**

CONTACT: Kevin S. Davis, M.D., OB/GYN  
Cindy Mercer, MD  
Christy Collins-Boyer, MSN, FNP, C (AANP)  
PHONE: 706-745-9220  
LOCATION: 77 Weaver Road, Suite A, Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
SERVICES: Routine and High Risk Obstetrics, Infertility Treatment, Advanced Gynecologic Surgery, Menopausal Care, Annual Exams, Urinary Incontinence Treatment, Laparoscopic Hysterectomy, Endometrial Ablation, Cervical Cancer Vaccination, 3D-4D Ultrasound  
WEBSITE: [www.womenshealthofblairsville.com](http://www.womenshealthofblairsville.com)

**MEDICAID/GEORGIA HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**

PHONE: Powerline: 1-800-822-2539  
Toll-free 1-877-427-3224  
To replace a lost or stolen PeachCare or Medicaid card, or to change the name of a provider: 866-211-0950.

SERVICES: Provides medical assistance to pregnant women and to children ages 0-18 years of age.

Medicaid Transportation: Non-Emergency transportation available to Medicaid eligible clients who have no reliable transportation to medical providers.

ELIGIBILITY: Based on family size and income.

**I. MEDICAID**

PURPOSE: To provide medical assistance to qualifying individuals, children, or families.

SERVICES: Adult Medicaid, Medical Assistance for qualifying adults.

## II. PEACHCARE PROGRAM

SERVICES: A comprehensive interagency employee service program for qualifying individuals.

## III. OTHER SERVICES

Day Care Assistance Eligibility Determination  
Preventive Services  
Child Support Recovery Referral

WEBSITE: [www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov)

## MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER

CONTACT: Dr. Richard Behrens, Superintendent/Principal

PHONE: 706-745-9575

LOCATION: 218 School Street, Blairsville, Georgia 30512

HOURS: 4:00 PM – 9:30 PM Monday-Thursday  
Summer: 4:00 PM-8:00 PM

PURPOSE: Night School: not to obtain a GED, but to obtain a High School Diploma. All ages welcome.

FEES: None if enrolled in Mountain Education Center. \$150.<sup>00</sup>-\$300.<sup>00</sup> per course if still in school and needing to make up credits.

WEBSITE: [www.MountainEducationCenter.net](http://www.MountainEducationCenter.net)

## MOUNTAIN REGIONAL LIBRARY

CONTACT: Donna W. Howell, Director

EMAIL: [mountain@mountainregionallibrary.org](mailto:mountain@mountainregionallibrary.org)

LOCATION: 698 Miller Street, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

PHONE: 706-379-3732

HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 AM-7:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

SERVICES: **Summer Reading Program** is provided to children. Children read books and receive a certificate at the end of summer with special programs.

**Storytime for children:** Wednesday mornings at 11:00 AM during the summer

**Children's computers** with learning software available during library hours.

**WEBSITES:** [www.mountainregionallibrary.org](http://www.mountainregionallibrary.org) and [www.mountainregionallibrary.org/kids.html](http://www.mountainregionallibrary.org/kids.html) includes links for homework help, fun kids links, child-safe browsers, and access to Kids GALILEO

**TOWNS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**A Division of Mountain Regional Library System**

**CONTACT:** Deborah Phillips, Branch Manager

**LOCATION:** 99 S. Berrong Street, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**PHONE:** 706-896-6169

**HOURS:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Thursday: 10 AM-6:00 PM

**SERVICES:** **Storytime for children:** Thursday mornings during the summer at 11:00 AM

**NEW HOPE COUNSELING**

**CONTACT:** Troy Beaver

**LOCATION:** 76C Hunt Martin Street, Blairsville, Georgia

**PHONE:** 706-745-4066

**SERVICES:** Provides an outpatient program for the treatment of addictive diseases, domestic violence, and related personal mental behavior concerns. Their goal is to facilitate growth and change for those desiring it, and a place to gain self-acceptance.

\*Clinical Evaluations

\*Level 1 Treatment for DUI's

\*Alcohol and Drug Evaluations and Education classes

\*Anger Management Evaluations and Classes

\*Family Violence Intervention Program Provider (State Certified)

\*Individual Counseling

\*Urine Drug Screening

\*Pretrial Recommendations

Victim Impact

\*\*Monthly Update Reports to Referral Sources\*\*

**WALK-IN'S WELCOME**

**HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

EMAIL: [tbnewhope@yahoo.com](mailto:tbnewhope@yahoo.com)

WEBSITE: <http://www.newhopeblairsville.com/>

### **NORTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

WEBSITE: [www.northgatech.edu](http://www.northgatech.edu)

LOCATIONS: Clarkesville Campus  
P.O. Box 65, 1500 Hwy 197 N, Clarkesville, Georgia 30523  
706-754-7700/Fax 706-754-7777

Blairsville Campus  
121 Meeks Avenue, Blairsville, Georgia 30512  
706-439-6300/Fax 706-439-6301

Currahee Campus  
8989 Highway 17 South, Toccoa, Georgia 30577  
706-779-8100/Fax 706-779-8130

SERVICES: North Georgia Technical College uses the ASSET Placement Test to identify academic skills and needs. The test includes sections on reading comprehension, writing skills, and basic math. Algebra is required for some programs. Applicants without a high school diploma or a GED Certificate are required to demonstrate an "Ability to Benefit" by making designated scores on the ASSET Placement Test in order to receive federal financial aid. In lieu of ASSET, the SAT, ACT, or CPE scores may be used if less than five years old. Postsecondary level Math and/or English with a grade of C or better may be used in lieu of the ASSET. Applicants who have a disability and need special testing accommodations should contact the Director of Special Services at 706-754-7729 to make arrangements.

### **NORTHEAST GEORGIA SPEECH CENTER**

CONTACT: Diane Brower

PHONE: 770-534-5141

ADDRESS: 604 Washington Street, Suite B2, P.O. Box 1482,  
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

HOURS: 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM Monday - Friday

SERVICES: **Speech and Language:** Speech program for children and adults includes evaluation and treatment for speech problems of all types: stuttering, articulation, delayed speech and language, speech problems resulting from cleft palate, cerebral palsy and hearing loss, voice problems, aphasia (language problems resulting from strokes or accidents), laryngectomees (people with no larynx or vocal cords), various lingual deformities,

including absence of tongue.

**Hearing:** The hearing program includes routine hearing screenings using up-to-date technical equipment, lip-reading and auditory training for deaf and hard of hearing.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any child or adult having or suspected of having a speech, Language, or hearing problem. Center serves people of Hall County and surrounding counties. Acceptance is dependent upon the severity of the problem, ability to learn, desire to improve and the willingness of the family to cooperate, as well as the availability of clinic time. (Note: Acceptance for the therapy cannot be construed as a guarantee for a cure.)

**FEES:** The Center is a nonprofit organization founded by the Junior Service League of Gainesville. Where fees cannot be paid in full, each person will be requested to pay that portion of the full fee that he/she can, according to the Center's sliding scale. Those persons eligible for third party payments should make approximate inquiries or contact the Center. Medicaid and Medicare payment is acceptable.

**AREA SERVED:** Northeast Georgia

#### **PARENT TO PARENT OF GEORGIA, INC.**

**CONTACT:** Debra S. Tucker, Director

**PHONE:** 1-800-229 -2038/770-451-5484/Fax 770-458-4091

**ADDRESS:** 3070 Presidential Parkway, Suite 130, Atlanta, Georgia 30340

**HOURS:** 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Friday

**SERVICES:** To provide support and information to parents of children with all types of disability or chronic illness. Additional services include:

- \*Special training for parents who wish to offer support to others
- \* Information about specific disabilities and conditions.
- \*Current listing of local, state, and national resources and services.

**FUNDING:** Government Grants, United Way Atlanta, Children's Trust Fund, United Way SE Georgia, Private Contributions.

**AREA SERVED:** Statewide Organization

**WEB SITE:** [www.p2pga.org/](http://www.p2pga.org/)

**S.A.F.E. (SUPPORT IN ABUSIVE FAMILY EMERGENCIES)  
FAMILY VIOLENCE SHELTER**

**CONTACT:** Janet Kowalski

**PHONE:** 706-379-1901/ Fax 706-379-1910  
**Crisis Hotline: 706-379-3000**  
Visitation and Family Support Center (706) 835-1637

**ADDRESS::** P.O. Box 11, Blairsville, Georgia 30512

**SERVICES:** For women who are battered or abused. SAFE offers support groups, referral to other agencies, legal and advocate services, children's programs and crisis intervention.

**AREA SERVED:** Towns and Union Counties

**FEES:** None

**SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE**

**PHONE:** 1-800-772-1213/770-532-7506

**LOCATIONS:** 2565 Thompson Bridge Road, NE, Suite 210, Gainesville, Georgia 30501  
155 Big A Road, N, Toccoa, Georgia 30577  
706-886-1621

**HOURS:** Monday – Friday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Except Federal Holidays

**SERVICES:** To pay Supplemental Security income to those entitled, and assist persons in claiming Medicare benefits. To furnish information regarding the above program and furnish assistance in filing claims for any of the above benefits. To assist in administering all programs under the Social Security Act as a representative of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and furnish assistance, counsel and referral services in all areas of human need and problems insofar as possible and practicable. To assist in securing Social Security numbers.

**ELIGIBILITY:** **Regular Social Security:** Benefits require certain amount of employment covered by Social Security Law. Requirement for Medicare: Age 65, or entitled to Social Security disability benefits for more than 24 months. Special Medicare benefits possible for persons with severe kidney disease.

**Supplemental Income Benefits:** Age 65 or over, blind or disabled and have very limited income and resources.

**WEB SITE:** [www.ssa.gov/](http://www.ssa.gov/)



## SOURCE

### Service Options Using Resources in a Community Environment

**CONTACT:** Jane Addison, RN, Administrator

**PHONE:** 866-864-4325 or 706-258-5300/Fax 706-632-0028

**LOCATION:** 5004 Appalachian Highway, Suite 4, Blue Ridge, Georgia

**SERVICES:** Provides services in a person's home to help with illnesses like cancer. Services include home-delivered meals, caregiver respite services, skilled services, emergency response system, personal support services, home health services.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Must have SSI and Medicaid

### STATE AID FOR CANCER

**CONTACT:** Local Department of Family and Children Services

**PHONE:** 706-896-3524 (Towns) or 404-463-5111

**SERVICES:** Provides financial assistance for the medical care of low-income patients requiring diagnostic and/or treatment services for cancer.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must meet income criteria along with a referral from the patient's physician.

### TOWNS COUNTY BOY SCOUTS, CUBS, AND TIGER CUBS

**CONTACT:** Kim Farmer, Mountain District Representative 706-781-4899  
Foy Todd, Field Director 800-699-8806

**PURPOSE:** To provide for boys and young adults an effective educational program designed to train in the responsibilities of useful citizenship and to provide for growth in moral strength and character and to enhance the development of physical, mental and emotional fitness.

**ELIGIBILITY:** **Tiger Cubs:** Boys in first grade. Program calls for equal participation with the boy and an adult partner.  
**Bob Cat Rank:** In the first grade  
**Wolf Rank:** In the second grade  
**Bear Rank:** In the third grade  
**Webelos Rank:** In the fourth and fifth grade  
**Boy Scouts:** through 20 years of age  
**Venturing and Exploring for Girls** age 14-20

**WEB SITE:** [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) and [www.nega-bsa.org/](http://www.nega-bsa.org/)

## **TOWNS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**PHONE:** 706-896-4966/800-984-1543/Fax 706-896-5441

**ADDRESS:** 1411 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

**SERVICES:** Works for interests of county business. Information available on food, lodging, real estate and business. Community Calendar of activities and tourist information is available.

**WEB SITE:** [www.mountaintopga.com](http://www.mountaintopga.com)

## **TOWNS COUNTY HEAD START/GEORGIA PRE-K**

**CONTACT:** Vicki Stephens-Berrong, Center Director

**LOCATION:** Towns County Elementary School  
1150 Konahetah Road, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**PHONE:** 706-896-4272, ext. 3 / Fax 706-896-1959

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc., Towns County Head Start/Georgia Pre-K is a pre-school program that is accredited by NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) and State Day Care licensed. Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. is a National Head Start Association Program of Excellence. Head Start/Georgia Pre-K serves children with disabilities. Service is provided for all children who qualify, regardless of race, sex, national origin or religion.

### **HEAD START SERVICES:**

- ❖ Head Start assists three and four year old children in building the confidence and skills they need to succeed in school and to become leaders and productive citizens of the future.
- ❖ Provides experiences for children that are vital to achieving our nation's first education goal-that all children enter school ready to learn. Provides children with an environment which is conducive to learning and encourages curiosity, exploration, problem solving and self expression.
- ❖ Assists parents in securing immunizations, regular medical and dental screenings and follow-up services for their child.
- ❖ Assists children in developing a positive self image by providing many opportunities for success and promoting good health and nutrition. Provides breakfast and lunch daily.
- ❖ Provides children with developmentally appropriate educational experiences and activities to meet the individual needs of the child.
- ❖ Provides opportunities for parents to acquire the necessary skills for them to become strong partners in their child's growth, development and learning experiences.
- ❖ Provides opportunities for parents to participate in the decision-making process.

- ❖ Provides opportunities through collaborative efforts, for community agencies, community leaders and parents of enrolled children to develop partnerships in order to meet the needs of individuals.
- ❖ Provides for a successful transition into the Head Start program and into kindergarten and/or into the next educational setting.

**FEES:** There are no fees for a child to enter the Head Start Program/Georgia Pre-K Program. Head Start is federally funded. The Georgia Pre-K Program is state funded.

**AGE ELIGIBILITY:** Head Start children must be three or four years old on or before: September 1 of the current school year.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To advocate for families in need and to promote access to opportunities which will facilitate movement towards self development, self reliance and self determination.

**GEORGIA PRE-K SERVICES:**

- ❖ Georgia's Pre-K Program provides appropriate activities and learning experiences that help prepare young children for school. The term *school readiness* means that children are socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively prepared for continued success in kindergarten.
- ❖ Georgia's Pre-K Program helps children become independent, self-confident, enthusiastic learners. Participation in the program encourages children to develop good habits and daily routines.
- ❖ Georgia's Pre-K Program encourages teachers to adopt child-centered instructional practices based on the interests and the development skill levels of each child. Child-centered instruction allows teachers to facilitate learning in a rich environment that fosters children's initiative, exploration, and collaborative interaction with peers and adults.
- ❖ Georgia's Pre-K Program helps to ensure a smooth transition to kindergarten. Children with special needs will be referred to the proper agencies for access to and coordination of health and other services. Families are also provided with information and assisted in gathering required documentation necessary for their child's enrollment in kindergarten.
- ❖ Georgia's Pre-K Program serves children who are residents of Georgia and that are four years old by September 1 of the current school year to be eligible for participation. Acceptable proof of age must be on file the day the child begins the Pre-K Program.
- ❖ Georgia's Pre-K Program is based on first come, first serve.

**TOWNS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**CONTACT:** Cindi Sparks, Office Manager

**TELEPHONE:** 706-896-2265

**ADDRESS:** 1104 Jack Dayton Circle, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

**HOURS:** 8:00 AM-12:00 PM / 1:00-5:00 PM (Mon., Wed., Thurs.)  
8:00 AM-12:00 PM / 1:00-7:00 PM (Tuesday)  
8:00 AM-12:00 PM / 1:00-3:00 PM (Friday)  
Closed due to furlough on the first and third Friday of every month.

**SERVICES:** Immunizations, Child Health Screenings, Dental Care for children who meet income guidelines, Prenatal Care, Family Planning, Adult Health, Blood Pressure Screening, Minor First Aid, Routine Lab Work, Children's Medical Services Medicaid and Non-Medicaid Child Health Program, WIC Program, Mental Health, Vocational Rehabilitation, TB and Diabetes Screening, Environmental Health Services, AIDS Testing.

<b>CLINIC:</b>	WIC Clinic	Thursdays (call for other available days)
	Family Planning Clinic	Tuesdays
	Dental Clinic	Mondays and Wednesdays
	Well Child Clinic	Wednesdays and Fridays
	Pap Smear Clinic	Tuesdays
	General Clinic	Thursdays

**FEES:** Based on sliding scale according to family income. No one will be refused services due to inability to pay.

**WEBSITE:** [www.phdistrict2.org/TownsCounty.htm](http://www.phdistrict2.org/TownsCounty.htm)

### **TOWNS COUNTY LIONS CLUB**

**CONTACT:** Julie Payne, President

**PHONE:** 706-896-4191

**MEETINGS:** Anderson Music Hall, Hiawassee Georgia 30546

**MEETING TIMES:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 PM

**SERVICES:** Eye examinations and glasses for local, needy applicants, hearing aids for those unable to provide for themselves. Purchase of infant restraining car seats for needy babies.

**Give A Christmas Program** provides toys and clothing for needy children in the county.

**Star Student and Honor Student Programs** sponsor for the Towns County Comprehensive School.

**Natural Resource Conservation Workshop** sponsored for local high school student to attend.

WEBSITE: [www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/townscounty/](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/townscounty/)

## **TOWNS COUNTY RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

CONTACT: Wes Hooper  
Alan Rogers, Assistant  
Michael Kimsey, Assistant  
Tammy Holcomb, Recreation Center Attendant

PHONE: 706-896-2600

ADDRESS: 900 North Main Street, P.O. Box 381, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546  
(Located on U.S. Hwy 76 West between Hiawassee City Limits and Anderson Bridge)

### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Dance and meeting rooms are used for special programs and classes. The general public can also reserve it for small gatherings such as birthday parties, showers, etc. with a 2 hour limit.

Gymnasium: Check at front desk for gym hours of availability. Gym is open to general public unless organized programs are in session.

Exercise and Weight room: Must be a resident of Towns County. Must be 16 years of age or 13 if accompanied by a parent. Must go through orientation. Check with office on dates and times. There is no charge to use the exercise and weight room.

- All Participants must attend an orientation session prior to using the exercise areas. Times and dates for training sessions are available at the lobby office.
- Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent on the initial visit. A parent will complete the application, release, and attend a training session with the child. No children under the age of 13 will be allowed in the exercise areas. Children 13 and 14 years of age must have a parent present in the recreation center while using the exercise facilities.

### **Come Exercise With Us**

The recreation department wants to remind everyone that we are offering the following exercise classes each week at the Towns County Recreation Center:

**Yoga Classes:** We have 2 separate class times instructed by Mrs. Pat Tomczyk. Evening Class: each Monday from 4:00pm-5:15pm. Morning Class: each Thursday from 9:30am-10:45am.

**Morning Aerobics Classes:** Each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:30am-10:45am instructed by Mrs. Donna McAuliffe.

**Evening Aerobics Classes:** Each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30pm-6:30 pm instructed by Jeanie Ledford.

**Fresh Air Qigong:** Each Tuesday morning from 9:00am-10:00am instructed by Mrs. Michelle

Holmes LMT

**Sun Style Tai Chi:** Each Thursday from 11:00am-12:00pm instructed by Mrs. Pat Tomczyk

Any additional information on these programs or other questions about the facility see the person on duty or call 706-896-2600.

The Towns County Recreation Department Full Time Staff:

The Towns County Recreation Department is always interested in beginning new programs and classes. If you have a special talent and are willing to instruct and teach others your skills, we would be delighted to talk with you about offering such a program to interested people through the recreation department please call us at 706-896-2600.

**FEES:** Registration and fees are based on activity.

**WEBSITE:** [www.townscountyga.com/Towns\\_County\\_Recreation\\_Dep](http://www.townscountyga.com/Towns_County_Recreation_Dep)

### **TOWNS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**PRINCIPAL:** Dr. Sandra Page

**ASST. PRINCIPAL:** Stephanie Moss

**LOCATION:** 1150 Konahetah Road, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**PHONE:** 706-896-4131

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**PRINCIPAL:** Darren Berrong

**LOCATION:** 1400 U.S. Highway 76 East, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**PHONE:** 706-896-4131

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

**PRINCIPAL:** Roy Perren

**ASST. PRINCIPAL** Jonathan Gibson

**LOCATION:** 1400 U.S. Highway 76 East, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**PHONE:** 706-896-4131

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**CONTACT:** Michelle Pyrlik, Director

**PHONE:** 706-896-4131, Extension 1050

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Melissa Williams

**LOCATION:** 67 Lakeview Circle, Suite C, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**PHONE:** 706-896-2279

### **MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT**

McKinney-Vento is the primary piece of federal legislation dealing with the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness in U.S. public schools. It was reauthorized as Title X, Part C, of the No Child Left Behind Act in January 2002.

**CONTACT:** Aundrea Wilson

**LOCATION:** 67 Lakeview Circle, Suite C, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546

**PHONE:** 706-896-2279

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.towns.k12.ga.us/>

### **TOWNS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**

**CONTACT:** Maxine Bradshaw

**PHONE:** 706-896 - 4372

**ADDRESS:** 1224 Jack Dayton Circle, P.O. Box 8, Young Harris, Georgia 30582

**SERVICES:** Public Water Service

### **T. U. L. I. P. (TOWNS UNION LITERACY INSTILLS PRIDE)**

**CONTACT:** Charles Sowers, Executive Director

**ADDRESS:** 285 Blalock Street, P.O. Box 485, Blairsville, Georgia 30514

**PHONE:** 706-781-3944

**HOURS:** Flexible. Tutor will work one-on-one in the home or at convenient location.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Free to all children and adults who need services.

## **USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**CONTACT:** Marlyn Hollis, Area Specialist  
**PHONE:** 706-754-6239, ext. 108, Fax 706-754-9821  
**HOURS:** 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Monday – Friday  
**ADDRESS:** 555 Monroe Street, Unit 83, P.O. Box 12, Clarkesville, Georgia 30523  
**SERVICES:** Provides very low income to moderate income housing loans, grants, and repair loans.  
**ELIGIBILITY:** Income eligibility and credit approval.  
**WEB SITE:** [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

## **YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE**

**CONTACT:** Wade Benson, Vice President for Buisness/Controller  
**PHONE:** 706-379-3111 / 800-241-3754  
**ADDRESS:** 1 College Street, Young Harris, Georgia 30582  
**SERVICES:** Young Harris College's major divisions include:

### **DIVISION OF FINE ARTS**

The Division of Fine Arts offers Bachelor of Arts degrees in Art, Music, Musical Theatre and Theatre, along with the Bachelor of Music Education and an Associate of Fine Arts degree in Art. However, all Young Harris students are encouraged to participate in the activities of the Division of Fine Arts, regardless of major.

### **DIVISION OF HUMANITIES**

The Division of Humanities offers Bachelor of Arts degrees in English, Communication Studies and Religious Studies, as well as Associate of Arts degrees with concentrations in Liberal Arts or Religious Studies.

### **DIVISION OF MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE**

Young Harris College offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology and Mathematics. An Associate of Science degree is available with a concentration in either General Science or Allied Health.

### **DIVISION OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**



The Division of Social and Behavioral Science offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in History as well as Bachelor of Science degrees in Business and Public Policy and Outdoor Leadership. The Division also offers an extensive Teacher Preparation Program featuring Bachelor of Science degrees in Education (Early Childhood Education) (P-5), Education (Middle Grades Education) (4-8) and the Bachelor of Music Education (P-12) - Choral or Instrumental Emphasis. Students can also obtain an Associate of Science degree in Education.

ACTIVITIES: Planetarium, Speakers, Musical Programs, Children's Plays, ICL (Institute for Continued Learning) for adults.

WEBSITE: [www.yhc.edu](http://www.yhc.edu)

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Governor Nathan Deal  
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Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-1776/Fax 404-657-7332  
400 N. Capitol Street NW, Suite 376  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
[www.gov.state.ga.us](http://www.gov.state.ga.us)

Secretary of State Brian P. Kemp  
404-656-3300/Fax 404-657-8733  
214 State Capitol  
Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-2881/Fax 404-656-0513  
[www.sos.state.ga.us](http://www.sos.state.ga.us)

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4246 Washington Road, Suite 6  
Evans, Georgia 30809  
706-447-3857/Fax 706-868-8756  
325 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515  
202-225-4101/Fax 202-226-0776  
[www.paulbroun.com](http://www.paulbroun.com)

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202-224-3521/Fax 202-224-0103  
100 Galleria, Suite 1340  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
770-763-9090/Fax 770-226-8633  
202-225-5211/Fax 202-225-8272  
[www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

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Atlanta, GA 30334  
404-656-3645/Fax 404-651-7957  
800-282-5852  
[www.agr.georgia.gov](http://www.agr.georgia.gov)

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[www.ago.georgia.gov](http://www.ago.georgia.gov)

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770-661-0999/Fax 770-661-0768

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Washington, D.C. 20515  
202-225-9893/Fax 202-226-1224  
[dougcollins.house.gov](http://dougcollins.house.gov)

President Barack Obama  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500  
202-456-1414/Fax 202-456-2461

## TOLL-FREE NUMBERS AND WEB SITES

### ABUSE

800-721-1999 Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault [www.gnesa.org](http://www.gnesa.org)  
800-532-3208 Parents Anonymous Hotline [www.parentsanonymous.org](http://www.parentsanonymous.org)

### ADHD

800-321-3287 The Feingold Association of the U.S. [www.feingold.org](http://www.feingold.org)

### ADOPTION

800-TO-ADOPT National Adoption Center [www.adopt.org](http://www.adopt.org)  
800-232-2751 AASK America/Aid to Adoption of Special Kids

### AIDS

800-CDC-INFO Centers for Disease Control & Prevention [www.cdc.gov/hiv](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv)  
(800-232-4636)  
800-342-AIDS National AIDS Hotline [www.aids hotline.org](http://www.aids hotline.org)  
800-227-8922 National Sexually Transmitted Diseases Hotline  
[www.ashastd.org](http://www.ashastd.org)

### ALCOHOLISM

800-848-3649 Laurelwood Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facility  
  
800-NCA-CALL National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence, Inc. [www.ncadd.org](http://www.ncadd.org)  
(800-622-2255)  
866-923-1129 Hopelinks [www.hopelinks.net](http://www.hopelinks.net)

### ANEMIA

800-221-3571 or Cooley's Anemia Foundation [www.cooleysanemia.org](http://www.cooleysanemia.org)

### ASTHMA/ALLERGY

8007ASTHMA Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America [www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org)

### BLINDNESS/VISION

800-683-5555 Foundation Fighting Blindness [www.blindness.org](http://www.blindness.org)  
800-424-8666 America Council of the Blind [www.acb.org](http://www.acb.org)  
800-AFBLIND American Foundation for the Blind [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)  
800-222-3566 Blind Children's Center [www.blindchildrenscenter.org](http://www.blindchildrenscenter.org)  
800-562-6265 National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired  
[www.spedex.com/napvi/](http://www.spedex.com/napvi/)  
877-887-6327 Eye Care America-Online Referral Center [www.eyecareamerica.org](http://www.eyecareamerica.org)  
800-NLSREAD National Library Services for the Blind and the Physically  
Handicapped [www.loc.gov/nls](http://www.loc.gov/nls)

### CANCER

855-858-2226 American Childhood Cancer Organization [www.acco.org](http://www.acco.org)  
800-722-WISH Make a Wish Foundation [www.wish.org](http://www.wish.org)  
800-4-CANCER National Cancer Institute Information Service [www.cancer.gov/help](http://www.cancer.gov/help)

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

800-526-7234 Job Accommodation Network (JAN) [www.askjan.org](http://www.askjan.org)  
800-232-5463 Job Opportunities for the Blind

## CAREER COUNSELING

800-LET-ERIC ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult Career and Vocational  
Education [www.eric.ed.gov/](http://www.eric.ed.gov/)

## CEREBRAL PALSY

800-872-5827 UCPA Partnership Development [www.ucpheartland.org](http://www.ucpheartland.org)

## CHILDREN/YOUTH

800-24-CHILD Children's Hospice International [www.chionline.org](http://www.chionline.org)  
800-695-0285 National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities  
[www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

800-331-5362 National Association for the Dually Diagnosed [www.thenadd.org](http://www.thenadd.org)

## CLEFT PALATE

800-24-CLEFT Cleft Palate Foundation CLEFTLINE [www.cleftline.org](http://www.cleftline.org)

## COMMUNICATION DISORDERS/SPEECH

800-638-8255 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
[www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)  
800-221-2483 National Center for Stuttering [www.stuttering.com](http://www.stuttering.com)  
800-992-9392 Stuttering Foundation of America [www.stutteringhelp.org](http://www.stutteringhelp.org)

## CRIME

800-851-3420 Victims of Crime Resource Center [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/)

## CYSTIC FIBROSIS

800FIGHTCF Cystic Fibrosis Foundation [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org)

## DEAFNESS / HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

800-237-6213 Described and Captioned Media Program [www.dcmp.org](http://www.dcmp.org)  
800-522-4582 John Tracy Clinic on Deafness [www.jtc.org](http://www.jtc.org)  
800-521-5247 Hearing Aid Helpline [www.ihsinfo.org](http://www.ihsinfo.org)  
800-222-EARS Occupational Hearing Services (Dial A Hearing Test)  
800-638-8255 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)  
Hearing and Speech Hotline open M-F 8:30-5:00  
[www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)

## DIABETES

800-533CURE Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Hotline [www.jdf.org](http://www.jdf.org)

## DISEASES

800-543-3135 American Leprosy Missions [www.leprosy.org](http://www.leprosy.org)

800-345-HDSA      Huntington's Disease Society of America [www.hdsa.org](http://www.hdsa.org)  
 800-558-0121      Lupus Foundation of America [www.lupus.org](http://www.lupus.org)  
 800-825-8787      Terri Gotthelf Lupus Research Institute  
 866-675-4787      National Multiple Sclerosis Society [www.nmss.org](http://www.nmss.org)  
 800-683-5555      Foundation Fighting Blindness [www.blindness.org](http://www.blindness.org)  
 800-4PDINFO      National Parkinson Foundation [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org)  
 800-421-8453      Sickle Cell Disease Association of America  
                          [www.sicklecelldisease.org](http://www.sicklecelldisease.org)  
 800-621-3141      Spina Bifida Association of America [www.sbaa.org](http://www.sbaa.org)

#### DOWN SYNDROME

800-232-NDSC      National Down Syndrome Congress [www.ndsccenter.org](http://www.ndsccenter.org)  
 800-221-4602      National Down Syndrome Society [www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org)

#### DRUG/ALCOHOL INFORMATION

888-425-2666      Al-Anon/Alateen [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org)  
 800-559-9503      Addiction Treatment Center [www.addictiontreatmentcenter.com](http://www.addictiontreatmentcenter.com)

800COCAINE or      Cocaine Addiction Treatment Resources [www.800cocaine.com](http://www.800cocaine.com)  
 800-559-9503  
 800-258-2766      "Just Say No" International  
 800-NCA-CALL      National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence, Inc. [www.ncadd.org](http://www.ncadd.org)  
 (800-622-2255)

800-662-HELP      Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
 (8006624357)      [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)

#### EDUCATION

800 94-MY GED      Georgia GED Testing Program [www.tcsg.edu](http://www.tcsg.edu)  
 (8009469433)

#### EPILEPSY

800-332-1000      Epilepsy Foundation of America [www.epilepsyfoundation.org](http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org)

#### EQUIPMENT

866-241-6568      AT&T's National Center for Customers with Disabilities (NCCD)  
                          [www.wireless.att.com](http://www.wireless.att.com)  
 888-584-8332      National Audiovisual Center [www.ntis.gov/products/nac.aspx](http://www.ntis.gov/products/nac.aspx)

#### FINANCIAL AID

800-638-0742      Federal Hill-Burton Free Care Program  
                          [www.hrsa.gov/gethealthcare/affordable/hillburton](http://www.hrsa.gov/gethealthcare/affordable/hillburton)  
 800-537-2329      Georgia Advocacy Office [www.thegao.org](http://www.thegao.org)

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

800-548-2876      American Burn Association [www.ameriburn.org](http://www.ameriburn.org)  
 800-245-2691      HUD User [www.huduser.org](http://www.huduser.org)  
 800-221-6827      National Easter Seal Society [www.easterseals.com](http://www.easterseals.com)  
 800-772-1213      Social Security Administration [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

888-866-8773 Visiting Nurse Association of America [www.vnaa.org](http://www.vnaa.org)

#### GROWTH DISORDERS

800-451-6434 Human Growth Foundation [www.hgfound.org](http://www.hgfound.org)

#### HEADACHES

888NHF5552 National Headache Foundation [www.headaches.org](http://www.headaches.org)

#### HEALTH INFORMATION

800-336-4797 National Health Information Center [www.health.gov/nhic](http://www.health.gov/nhic)

#### HOSPICE

800-658-8898 National Hospice Organization [www.nhpco.org](http://www.nhpco.org)

#### IMMUNOLOGY

800-822-2762 American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology  
[www.aaaai.org](http://www.aaaai.org)

#### KIDNEY DISORDERS

800-638-8299 American Kidney Fund [www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org)

800-633-2339 National Kidney Foundation of Georgia [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org)

#### LEARNING DISABILITIES (DYSLEXIA)

800-223-0179 International Dyslexia Association [www.interdys.org](http://www.interdys.org)

#### LIVER DISORDERS

800-GO-LIVER American Liver Foundation [www.liverfoundation.org](http://www.liverfoundation.org)

#### MAINSTREAMING INTO THE COMMUNITY

800-248-ABLE National Organization on Disability [www.nod.org](http://www.nod.org)

#### MENTAL HEALTH

800-969-6642 Mental Health America [www.mentalhealthamerica.net](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net)

800-374-2721 American Psychology Association [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)

800-433-5255 Association for Retarded Citizen of the U.S. [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org)

#### MISSING CHILDREN

800-THE-LOST National Center for Missing and Exploited Children  
[www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)

#### NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT/PARALYSIS

800-962-9629 National Spinal Cord Injury Association [www.spinalcord.org](http://www.spinalcord.org)

800-225-0292 Christopher Reeve Organization [www.christopherreeve.org](http://www.christopherreeve.org)

800-NHF 5552 National Headache Foundation [www.headaches.org](http://www.headaches.org)

#### NUTRITION

800-284-9488 Gerber Products Company [www.gerber.com](http://www.gerber.com)

888-779-7264 USDA Choose My Plate [www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov)

## ORTHOPEDIC PROBLEMS

800-237-5055 International Shriners Headquarters [www.shrinershq.org](http://www.shrinershq.org)

## PARENT INFORMATION

800-5323208 Parents Anonymous – Questions for Parents

[www.parentsanonymous.org](http://www.parentsanonymous.org)

800-637-7974 Parents without Partners [www.parentswithoutpartners.org](http://www.parentswithoutpartners.org)

## PESTICIDES

800-858-7378 Pesticides Information [www.npic.orst.edu](http://www.npic.orst.edu)

## POISON CONTROL CENTER

800-222-1222 Poison Control Center [www.georgiapoisoncenter.org](http://www.georgiapoisoncenter.org)

## PUBLIC SERVICE

800-282-5813 Public Service Commission [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us)

## RARE DISORDERS

800-223-8355 Cornelia deLange Syndrome Foundation [www.cdlsusa.org](http://www.cdlsusa.org)

800-233-7393 National Reye's syndrome Foundation [www.reyessyndrome.org](http://www.reyessyndrome.org)

800-CAL-NTSA Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance

[www.tsalliance.org](http://www.tsalliance.org)

## REHABILITATION

800-346-2742 National Rehabilitation Information Center [www.naric.com](http://www.naric.com)

## RESPIRATORY DISEASE

877 CALL NJH National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory  
Medicine [www.nationaljewish.org](http://www.nationaljewish.org)

## NATIONAL RUNAWAY SWITCHBOARD

800RUNAWAY 1800runaway.org [www.1800runaway.org](http://www.1800runaway.org)

## SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS)

800-221-SIDS First Candle/Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance  
[www.sidsalliance.org](http://www.sidsalliance.org)

800-232-SIDS American SIDS Institute [www.sids.org](http://www.sids.org)

800-930-SIDS National SIDS & Infant Death Project IMPACT  
[www.sidsprojectimpact.com](http://www.sidsprojectimpact.com)

## TOYS

800-638-2772 U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)

## TRAUMA

800-556-7890 American Trauma Society [www.amtrauma.org](http://www.amtrauma.org)

800-962-9629 National Spinal Cord Injury Association [www.spinalcord.org](http://www.spinalcord.org)

800-444-6443 Brain Injury Association of Georgia [www.braininjurygeorgia.org](http://www.braininjurygeorgia.org)

800-273-2876 Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation [www.gfbf.org](http://www.gfbf.org)

800-669-7700 Burn Survivor Resource Center [www.burnsurvivor.org](http://www.burnsurvivor.org)

800-888-2876 The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, Inc.  
[www.phoenix-society.org](http://www.phoenix-society.org)

## **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

Emergency.....911

Emergency Medical Technicians (Ambulance)....911/706-896-2228

Fire Department.....911/706-896-2090

Sheriff's Department.....911/706-896-4444

Chatuge Regional Hospital.....706-896-2222

Poison Control.....1-800-222-1222